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SUBJECT: NINTH AND FINAL DEMARCHE IN FIRST SERIES DESIGNED
TO EASE TENSIONS IN THE ANDES

REFERENCE: STATE 098424, 204793, 110181, 117968, 128372,
131130, 129447, BUENOS AIRES 4392, BRASILIA 4972.

1. TO COMPLETE THE FIRST SERIES OF DIPLOMATIC DE-
MARCHES DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS IN THE ANDES, ACTING
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEVINE AND DEPUTY US PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS ROBERT WHITE ON JULY 8 CALLED ON
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SECRETARY GENERAL ALEJANDRO ORFILA OF THE OAS. ORFILA WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN FORD, RETIRED FSO AND NOW SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY GENERAL.

2. WE LED OFF BY EMPHASIZING TO ORFILA THAT NEITHER
ACTION NOR PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT WERE BEING SOUGHT FROM HIM.
WE WISHED MERELY TO MAKE HIM AWARE OF OUR READING OF SITU-

ATION IN THE ANDES AND USG DESIRE TO ASSERT A POSITIVE INFLUENCE FOR PEACE.

3. WE THEN TRACED FOR ORFILA RISE AND FALL OF INTRA-ANDEAN TENSIONS SINCE LAST DECEMBER, DIFFERING ANDEAN PERCEPTIONS AS TO BALANCE VERSUS IMBALANCE OF ARMAMENTS, AND UNFORTUNATE ROLE OF MISINTERPRETATION AND MISPERCEPTION AMONG NEIGHBORS AS CAUSE OF RECURRING WAR FEARS IN THE ANDES.

4. DESCRIBING BRIEFLY OUR EFFORTS OVER RECENT MONTHS, WE EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CURRENTLY LOWERED TENSIONS TO ATTEMPT TO LAY SOME BASIS FOR MORE SOLID AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. WE SEE THIS AS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S APRIL 14 SPEECH IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGED PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS BY OAS SECGEN AND PROMISED U.S. SUPPORT FOR SUCH EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES.

5. IN SUMMING UP, WE TOLD ORFILA THAT OUR DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES TO EIGHT NATIONS HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND THAT WE WANTED HIM TO BE AWARE OF OUR ACTIONS AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE WE MIGHT FIND IT DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY TO CONCERT SOME RELATED ACTION WITH OAS.

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6. ORFILA HEARD THIS PRESENTATION WITH OBVIOUS INTEREST AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY UPON USG INITIATIVE. HE OFFERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE UPON APPROPRIATE OCCASION. HE ALSO REMINDED US THAT ADDITIONAL THREATS TO PEACE EXISTED IN EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS BORDER CONTROVERSY, BELIZE DISPUTE, AND BOLIVIAN PRESSURE FOR SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA.

7. VISIT TO ORFILA WAS USEFUL IN PUTTING IN PLACE A FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE CAN BASE FURTHER DISCUSSION AS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS MAY WARRANT. VANCE

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